

HOUSE BILL No. 1562

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 9-18; IC 9-29-5-34.5.

Synopsis: God Bless America license plate. Creates a God Bless America license plate and specifies that it is not a special group recognition license plate.

Effective: July 1, 2005.

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January 18, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-18-15-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who is
3 the registered owner or lessee of a:

- 4 (1) passenger motor vehicle;
5 (2) motorcycle;
6 (3) recreational vehicle; or
7 (4) vehicle registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of
8 not more than:
9 (A) eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;
10 (B) nine thousand (9,000) pounds; or
11 (C) seven thousand (7,000) pounds;

12 registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original
13 registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau
14 for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which
15 registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.

16 (b) A person who:

- 17 (1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in

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subsection (a); and

(2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:

(A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);

(B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled veteran license plates);

(C) IC 9-18-19 (Purple Heart license plates);

(D) IC 9-18-20 (Indiana National Guard license plates);

(E) IC 9-18-21 (Indiana Guard Reserve license plates);

(F) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);

(G) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);

(H) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);

(I) IC 9-18-24.5 (God Bless America license plates);

~~(J)~~ **(J)** IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);

~~(K)~~ **(K)** IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);

~~(L)~~ **(L)** IC 9-18-30 (kids first trust license plates);

~~(M)~~ **(M)** IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);

~~(N)~~ **(N)** IC 9-18-32.2 (drug free Indiana trust license plates);

~~(O)~~ **(O)** IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);

~~(P)~~ **(P)** IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);

~~(Q)~~ **(Q)** IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);

~~(R)~~ **(R)** IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);

~~(S)~~ **(S)** IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);

~~(T)~~ **(T)** IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license plates);

~~(U)~~ **(U)** IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license plates);

~~(V)~~ **(V)** IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);

~~(W)~~ **(W)** IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);

~~(X)~~ **(X)** IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);

~~(Y)~~ **(Y)** IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates);

~~(Z)~~ **(Z)** IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American trust license plates);

~~(AA)~~ **(AA)** IC 9-18-45.8 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates);

~~(BB)~~ **(BB)** IC 9-18-46.2 (Indiana state educational institution trust license plates);

~~(CC)~~ **(CC)** IC 9-18-47 (Lewis and Clark bicentennial license plates); or

~~(DD)~~ **(DD)** IC 9-18-48 (Riley Children's Foundation license plates);

may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular special recognition license plate.

SECTION 2. IC 9-18-24.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE

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AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]:

Chapter 24.5. God Bless America License Plates

Sec. 1. The bureau shall design a God Bless America license plate to be issued beginning January 1, 2006.

Sec. 2. A God Bless America license plate must include the following:

- (1) A basic design for the plate with consecutive numbers or letters, or both, to properly identify the motor vehicle.
- (2) A background design, an emblem, or colors that designate the license plate as a God Bless America license plate.
- (3) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.

Sec. 3. A license plate issued under this chapter may be displayed on the following:

- (1) A passenger motor vehicle.
- (2) A truck registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.
- (3) A recreational vehicle.

Sec. 4. A person who is a resident of Indiana and who is eligible to register and display a license plate on a motor vehicle under this title may apply for and receive a God Bless America license plate for one (1) or more motor vehicles after December 31, 2005, after doing the following:

- (1) Completing an application for a God Bless America license plate.
- (2) Paying the fee under section 5 of this chapter.

Sec. 5. The fee for a God Bless America license plate is the appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-34.5.

SECTION 3. IC 9-18-25-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

- (1) Antique motor vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-12).
- (2) Recovery vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-13).
- (3) Personalized license plates (IC 9-18-15).
- (4) Prisoner of war license plates (IC 9-18-17).
- (5) Disabled veteran license plates (IC 9-18-18).
- (6) Purple Heart license plates (IC 9-18-19).
- (7) Indiana National Guard license plates (IC 9-18-20).
- (8) Person with a disability license plates (IC 9-18-22).
- (9) Amateur radio operator license plates (IC 9-18-23).
- (10) **God Bless America license plates (IC 9-18-24.5).**
- ~~(10)~~ (11) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates (IC 9-18-45.8).

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1 SECTION 4. IC 9-29-5-34.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2005]: **Sec. 34.5. A motor vehicle registered under IC 9-18-24.5**
4 **is subject to an annual registration fee and any other fee or tax**
5 **required of a person registering a motor vehicle under this title.**

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